

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM: Head of Contract & Asset Management
and Head of Finance

REPORT NUMBER: **G13**

TO: Strategy

DATE OF MEETING: 31 May 2007

CAPITAL PROGRAMME – OUT-TURN EXPENDITURE FOR 2006/07

1. **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To seek Strategy Committee approval to expenditure variations in relation to the 2006/07 Council Housing (HRA) capital programme.

2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 That the adjustments to the 2006/07 HRA capital programme as shown in para 4.1 below be agreed.

The Committee is able to resolve this matter.

3. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The adjustments can be accommodated within the overall budget provision within HRA capital programme for 2006/07 or by bringing budgets forward from 2007/08.

3.2 The Overview & Scrutiny (Stewardship) Committee will be considering the overall capital programme and improvements in future management at their next meeting on the 5 June 2007. They will also be advised on any impact of the 2006/07 outcomes on current and future budgets.

3.3 The variations should be seen in the context of an overall HRA capital programme of nearly £3.8m last year, with total expenditure in 2006/07 matching that envisaged in the original budget provision - by accelerating work and transferring money between schemes. This is an approach that has been identified by the Overview & Scrutiny (Stewardship Committee) as key in achieving total budgeted annual expenditure levels.

4. **RISK MANAGEMENT**

4.1 There are no risks associated with this report as it covers the factual position in relation to actual expenditure in 2006/07.

5. **KEY INFORMATION**

5.1 Strategy Committee approval to the following additional expenditure for specific schemes compared to budget is required, which has been funded by budget reductions in other areas, or by monies brought forward from 2007/08, as indicated:

Work Category	Additional Expenditure (£)	Funded From	Reason for Additional expenditure
Windows & Door Replacements	209,500	Brought forward from 2007/08	Progress on the 'partnering' contract has been excellent, with programme being accelerated
Central Heating Renewals / Replacements	66,600	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £18,700 from Garage Door Replacements • £47,900 brought forward from 2007/08 	A higher demand for 'one-off' central heating replacement systems than originally anticipated (average cost per dwelling is £3,600)
Street Parking Improvements	15,900	Brought forward from 2007/08	Approved programme accelerated to meet previous backlog due to schemes being delayed by legal complications
Roofing	108,120	Brought forward from 2007/08	Additional roofing works undertaken under pre-painting repairs programme to maximise use of scaffolding
Sheltered Units – Improvements	42,200	£42,200 from Estate Improvements & Parking Areas	Four flat upgrades undertaken at Sydney Brown Court, Hadleigh instead on the one allowed for
Disabled Adaptations	74,700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £73,200 from Estate Improvements & Parking Areas • £1,500 from Paths & Walls 	Disabled adaptations are a statutory obligation and are demand led following referrals from Social Services
Special Items	24,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £9,300 from Estate Improvements & Parking • £15,200 from Paths & Walls 	High level of unforeseen damp-proofing problems
Fences & Gates	32,400	Brought forward from 2007/08	Additional expenditure due to storm event. Seeking Govt. grant towards this.
Sandringham Court Major Refurbishment	208,100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £7,500 from Stour House • £600 from Paths & Walls • £115,400 from Structural Works • £84,600 brought forward from 07/08 Regeneration Schemes 	Primarily due to additional structural works, and associated flooring and plastering – but also electrical works, external paving and retaining wall, compensation and other items
Total	£782,020		

6. **APPENDICES AND BACKGROUND PAPERS REFERRED TO:**

None.

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